Israel to Discuss Federal Internet Safety Legislation While Students Lead Presentations on Productive and Safe Use of Internet

North Babylon, NY — On Friday, U.S. Congressman Steve Israel (D-Huntington) and Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern (D- Dix Hills) joined sixth grade students, parents and educators at Robert Moses Middle School in North Babylon for a session on internet safety tips and cyber bullying prevention hosted by Cablevision Power to Learn's Internet Smarts program. Israel discussed federal legislation pending in Congress that cracks down on internet child predators and increases resources to ensure a safe internet for children.

"In an age of rapidly evolving technology, we must equip our children with the knowledge and resources needed to safely use this technology," said Congressman Israel. "The internet is an indispensable tool that can profoundly enhance the educational experience for students. Today's session provides students with valuable new tools enabling them to be safe and responsible users of technology, whether it is at school, at work, or at home."

Steve Stern, Suffolk County Legislator said "I wish to thank Cablevision and the students and parents at Robert Moses Middle School for sharing their knowledge and assisting us to become 'Internet Smart'. Programs such as this have a strong impact on education in our schools and I am pleased that students in our district have access to this important resource."

Cablevision's Trent Anderson commented "There are many ways in which technology impacts our daily life, and that is one of the reasons we created the Internet Smarts program, a program designed to provide students and educators with practical and easy-to-use information about how to be safe and responsible users of technology. This program is just one of the many ways that Cablevision is dedicated to helping educators leverage cutting-edge technology to enhance learning in the classroom."

Israel discussed two bills he has cosponsored on the U.S. House of Representatives to crack down on online predators and help make the internet safe for children. Israel was an original cosponsor of the *PROTECT Our Children Act of 2007* (H.R. 3845). This legislation, which passed the House on November 14, 2007 and is currently pending in the Senate, trains a strong nationwide network of highly trained law enforcement experts to track down child predators on the Internet. Israel also supported the   *KI DS Act*
(HR 719 -
Keeping the Internet Devoid of Sexual Predators Act
) which requires sex offenders to register their e-mail and instant messenger addresses with the National Sex Offender Registry. This legislation also passed the House last November but remains pending in the Senate.

Israel and Stern spoke with students participating in Cablevision's Power to Learn program, a multi-faceted initiative dedicated to integrating technology into education, providing students with curriculum and tools designed to teach safe and appropriate Internet usage. This special event was focused on the sixth-grade students' use of Power to Learn's Internet Smarts online case studies which can be found on www.powertolearn.com. The students worked through the Internet Smarts lessons and multiple case studies on online safety topics including Cyberbullying, Social Networking and Copyright Fair Use as well as conducted their own online research into these topics.

Following welcoming remarks by Congressman Israel and Trent Anderson, Cablevision's Vice President of Education, the Robert Moses Middle School sixth graders presented their research on the Internet Smarts topics they studied to attending parents, faculty and PTA members.

Power to Learn's "Triple Play for Education" is now available free of charge to more than 4,000 schools within the company's service area in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. This initiative gives students and teachers access to Cablevision's full suite of cable television, high-speed Internet and digital voice-over-cable services for educational use.